

BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS

SUMMARY OF MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2008

The following is a summary of the January 8, 2008 Meeting:

I. Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Frank Linkous, Chairman. Members present were Gerald Kendrick, Joseph Buchanan, Arvil McConnell, Jr. and Ricky O'Quinn. All Board members were present and quorum was made. Also present were George P. "Bo" Willis, Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) Director, Benny R. Wampler, DMME Deputy Director, Sharon Pigeon, Senior Assistant Attorney General and Mary Gibson, Regulatory Boards Administrator.

II. Opening statement delivered by Frank Linkous, Chairman

III. Motions made and seconded to approve December 4, 2007, meeting summary. All members were in favor to approve.

IV. Review of Cases of Kentucky Actions for Substance Abuse for Virginia Certificate holders (Closed Session)

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VI. Open Agenda

The Board reviewed a reconciliation report of those docketed cases who failed to appear and those requiring appropriate action for notifications of revocation.

The Board approved docketed cases to be carried over from the January 8, 2008, meeting to the February 5, 2008.

VII. Adjournment at 3:05 PM